GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3688
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OUTSTANDING DUES TO ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Indian railways owes a huge amount ofarrears of dues to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the police and security arrangements provided to the Railways;

(b)if so, the total amount of arrears as on July 1,2002, January 1, 2002 and July 1, 2001;

(c)the reasons for such accumulation of arrears; and

(d)the steps taken/being taken to ensure early, speedy and smooth payment of such dues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The total amount of arrears as on July1, 2002, January 1,2002 and July 1, 2001 was Rs. 0 .47crore, Rs. 2.42 crores and Rs. 3.01 crores espectively.

(c) The main reason for this accumulation is non submission and late submission of mandatory Accountant General`s audit certificate by the State Government for the actual claimed amount.

(d) Concerned Zonal Railways are in touch with the State Government to sort out the difficulties,if any.